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### **NEWS SUMMARY**

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that former Milwaukee Police Officer Jon M. Bartlett has been charged in federal court with attempting to acquire firearms from a federally licensed firearms dealer by means of a false statement.

The Criminal Complaint, unsealed today, alleges that on July 26, 2006, Bartlett made a false statement – that he was not under indictment for a felony – in an attempt to obtain firearms from The Shooter's Shop in West Allis, a federally licensed firearms dealer. The Criminal Complaint alleges that Bartlett faced felony charges in Milwaukee County Circuit court at the time he provided a contrary written statement to The Shooter's Shop. An individual who faces federal or state felony charges can not legally purchase a firearm.

If convicted of the charge, Bartlett faces a maximum term of 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. The case is being investigated by the ATF Firearms Trafficking Task Force in Milwaukee and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Richard Frohling for prosecution.

The public is cautioned that a criminal complaint is a method for issuing federal criminal charges and does not constitute evidence of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent unless and until guilt is established by competent evidence beyond a reasonable doubt.

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